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MULTIPLEX AMPLIFICATION  
REACTIONS

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time, from November 9, 2006 through December 9, 2006, accompanies this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.